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**Newsletter for the week commencing 25th/26th January 2020**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ( A )**

**First Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3**

**Psalm 26 Response:**  6pm & 8.30am The Lord is my light and my help

 10.30am The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid?  Of whom should I be

afraid?

**Second Reading: The first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17**

**Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23**

**Father John writes:**

Next Sunday is dedicated to the topic *“the God who speaks”.* There is a great effort this year to focus on the Bible. When I was at Catholic school (many years ago) the most important book we studied was the Catechism. Most of you were probably familiar with the little red book of questions and answers by which we learned our faith. There were many quotations in it from the Bible, and those were the selected Words of God mostly presented to us. Other than that, there was great emphasis on learning about the Sacraments and the ten Commandments.

 In recent times we have gradually rediscovered the riches of our Bible through which our God speaks to us. There is no end to learning about the love of God for each one of us and just as you long to receive letters (or nowadays e-mails) from those you love, so we long to hear God speak to us through the Scriptures.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Joe Venables and David Ainsworth

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Patrick Byrne, Cyril Read, Canon Charles Walker, Ron Roberts, Philip Wilkinson, Charles Priggy, Leslie & Edith Cave, Billy Benies, Kenneth Francis, Edwin Knott and Joan Freeman.

**This week’s events**

Funeral for Sue Goodman RIP at 11.45on Friday 31st January at St Mildred’s followed by cremation.

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 25th January | The conversion of St Paul | 10am – 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 26th January | Third Sunday in Ordinary time | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |
| Monday | 27th January | St Angela Merici | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 28th January | St Thomas Aquinas | 10:00am Mass *Canon MacDermot-Roe RIP* |
| Wednesday | 29th January | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 30th January | Feria | 9:00am Mass *Rev.C Jeffries RIP* |
| Friday | 31st January | St John Bosco | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 1st February | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 2nd February | **The Presentation of the Lord** | 8:30am Mass *People of the Parish*10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (1st/2nd February)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Charles O | Peter L | Alvin T |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Michael PayneAllan Shipton | Kathleen BishopMartin Heinrichsmeier |
| **Flowers** | Hilary Edwards | **Cleaners** | Rachel & Martin |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 6.30pm |

**Forthcoming events**

**Finance Committee meeting:** The Parish Finance Committee will meet at **7.00pm on Monday 3rd February** in the Parish Room. Its main business will be to review the draft parish accounts for 2019 before their submission and to examine progress of the Parish Refurbishment Programme.

If you are the parent of a child who is seven years old or more who has not made their **first Holy Communion** and you would like them to do so, would you please **let Fr. John know**. The preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion usually runs between February and May/June and takes school term times into account.